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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN, EFIN, EIND, DR

SUBJECT: ALCOA BAUXITE NEGOTIATIONS

1. ALCOA REP HUGHSON INFORMED AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY THAT FINANCE SECRETARY SELIMAN HAD APPROACHED HIM TO URGE THAT GODR AND ALCOA REACH

AGREEMENT ON NEW CONTRACT BEFORE NOVEMBER MEETING OF BAUXITE PRODUCERS. AFTER CONSULTING PITTSBURGH, HUGHSON REPORTS HE NOW HAS AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED NEXT WEEK WITH DOMREP AUTHORITIES AND TRY TO WRAP THIS ONE UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE PLANS FIRST TO DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER THE NEW ALCOA OFFER WHICH HUGHSON CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THE GODR WILL FIND SATISFACTORY.

2. COMMENT: AS DEPT AWARE, WE HAVE PERCEIVED POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES TO OVERALL US INTERESTS REGARDING BAUXITE IF A NEW AGREEMENT WERE TO BE REACHED HERE IN TERMS BELOW THE JAMAICAN FORMULA AS A MEANS OF THWARTING THE CREATION OF A UNIFIED FRONT ON PRICE AND PRODUCTION AT THE BAUXITE PRODUCERS' MEETING. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT SELIMAN HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE, WHICH COULD REASONABLY BE INTERPRETED AS HIS LEADING FROM WEAKNESS. WE SHALL BE MEETING WITH HUGHSON NEXT WEEK TO ASCERTAIN IF THERE IS
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ANYTHING MORE WE CAN APPROPRIATELY DO TO ASSIST THE NEGOTIATIONS

TO A SPEEDY AND MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION.
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